

March 3, 2008

TO: State Approved Chemical Dependency Directors
Clinical Directors, LACs and Prevention Specialists

FROM: Jackie Jandt
Planning and Outcome Officer

RE: Monthly Training and Event Calendar
CDB "5 Minute News"

Enclosed is an updated [Training and Event Calendar](#). This calendar is sent each month to keep you apprised of events and training being supported through the Bureau.

The calendar indicates subject matter of training or event, place, whether the training is considered mandatory for contract purposes, who should attend and who to contact for further information or registration.

Reminder - For those events that have "Selected" marked for attendees, the Bureau has listed the agencies involved with the event. If you wish to know more, please contact one of these agencies as they can bring information and concerns to the table for all providers.

Reminder – Because of the numerous activities happening to improve our system, the Bureau is also enclosing "CDB "5 Minute News". This is a quick update regarding current events within the Bureau that is important for you to know. If you have any questions regarding any of the information, please contact your Program Officers.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at (406)-444-9656 or (406) 431-7157.

CDB "5 Minute News for March 2008"

- **Administrative Rules – Part II**

We have some good news and not so good news....The *draft* Administrative Rules for the residential portion of Chemical Dependency Services are now in the Quality Assurance Division working their way through legal. THANK YOU to all of you who worked on these rules – your time and input was valuable and greatly appreciated! The not so good news....we still have to work on the clinical side of the Administrative Rules. A task force has been put together and include the following individuals:

- Mike Ruppert, Boyd Andrew Community Services
- Mona Sumner, Rimrock Foundation
- Marlene O'Connell – Benefis Healthcare
- Sandra Lippy – SCMHS/Journey Recovery
- Dave Peshek – Montana Chemical Dependency Center
- Lenore Meyers – White Sky Hope
- Lucille Other Medicine – MT/WY CD Directors

The task force will be meeting over the next 6-8 months to draft the new rules. If you have any comments or would like to have input, please contact these folks!

- **Meth Recovery Home Update**

As of March 3, 2008, there are three homes up and running!!!! Congratulations to White Birch (3.5 men's facility) – Billings, Elkhorn Treatment Center (3.5 – women's facility) – Boulder and the newest facility located in Miles City (3.1 – men's facility). If you have any questions or have individuals needed services in these facilities, please contact Sue Rajacich at 406-447-5080.

- **New Poverty Guidelines**

The new Poverty Guidelines have been released. Please watch for the new Chemical Dependency Provider Manual page update to help you in updating your sliding fee schedules!

- **Earmark Alcohol Tax Provider Designation Forms**

It is that time of the year again! The Earmark Alcohol Tax Provider Designation Forms are targeted to be sent out to Directors the week of March 24th. Please be on the look out for your packet of information and work with your County Commissioners to submit them in a timely manner – funding cannot be calculated and released until this information is in for all counties!